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appeals filed was 611 (528). The total number of second appeals for disposal was 1,534 (1,358), of which 509 (385) were disposed of. The number of Miscellaneous appeals for disposal was 169 of which 12 (66) were disposed of, leaving 48 pending at the end of the year.

95. There were 325 Civil Revision petitions pending at the beginning of the year. Five hundred and twenty-one Civil Revision Petitions were filed, 670 (428) were disposed of leaving 176 (325) pending at the end of the year.

Insolvency Proceedings.

96. The number of insolvency applications for disposal during the year was 184 (174). The number disposed of was 105 (104), leaving a pendency of 79 (70) at the end of the year. The amount realised was Rs. 10,222 (19,830), and the amount distributed to the creditors was Rs. 6,371 (Rs. 19,970).

Execution of Decrees.

97. The total number of execution applications filed was 26,842 (21,870). The total number disposed of was 26,181 (21,492), leaving a pendency of 10,906 (10,245) at the end of the year. The number of cases pending over a year was 541 (408). The total amount realised in the execution of decrees was Rs. 26,25,984 (19,80,063).

Legal Practitioners.

98. The number of advocates enrolled during the year was 48 (27). At the end of the year, the number on the roll was 941, of whom 12 were from Madras Presidency and one from Bombay Presidency. The total number of pleaders on the last day of the year was 1,056 (1,008), including those who had yet to renew their certificates. The number of pleaders newly enrolled was 48 and 12 pleaders were enrolled as advocates.

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99. The total receipts and expenditure of the Courts for the year, including the High Court amounted to Rs. 18,24,239 (Rs. 14,47,125) and Rs. 16,56,295 (Rs. 11,88,111) respectively.

(viii) Prisons.

100. The Central Jail at Bangalore and the Jail at Mysore worked satisfactorily.

101. At the beginning of the year, there remained in jails 954 prisoners of all classes. Four thousand seven hundred and ninety-two prisoners were newly admitted, 4,811 were discharged from all classes and 935 remained at

the end of the year. Out of 2,700 convicts directly admitted into the jails, 2,603 men and 97 were women. Of these, 2,070 were Hindus, 447 Mohammedans, 69 Christians and 59 all other classes.

102. The number of convicts under 15 years of age was 45, between 16 and 40—2,464, between 40 and 60—162 and above 60 was 29 There were 753 literate convicts and the number of illiterate prisoners was 1,947.

103. There were seven District Lock-ups at Kolar, Tumkur, Mandya, Hassan, Chikmagalur, Shimoga and Chitaldrug, one special Lock-up at the Champion Reefs, Kolar Gold Fields, and twenty-one Taluk Lock-ups.

104. Of the total number of convicts, 9 were Government or Municipal servants, 170 professional persons, 19 in personal service, 369 agriculturists, 66 engaged in commerce and trade, 45 employed in arts and crafts and 1,925 in other miscellaneous occupations. Occupation.

105. Out of 97 women convicts, 48 were married, 20 unmarried and 29 widows.

106. Excluding the outlay on repairs, the gross expenditure in the jails was Rs. 3,68,276. The average cost per head for the maintenance of prisoners was Rs. 328 against Rs. 372 in the previous year.

107. At the beginning of the year there remained in the Lock-ups 366 prisoners of all classes, 7,781 were newly admitted, 7,680 were discharged from all classes and 467 remained at the close of the year. Out of 3,285 convicts admitted, 3,079 were men and 206 women, Of these, 2,176 were Hindus, 498 were Mohammedans, 179 were Christians and 432 were Buddhists and other classes.

108. One hundred and twenty-six were under 15 years of age, 2,305 between 16 and 40,711 between 40 and 60 and 143 above 60.

109. The gross expenditure in the lock-ups was Rs. 1,43,312.

110. The two schools, Kannada and Urdu continued to work in the Central Jail, Bangalore. The religious ministers of the Jails at Bangalore and Mysore continued to visit the respective jails regularly once a week to impart religious and moral instruction to the prisoners. A Library containing books on religion and moral subjects was maintained in both the Jails for the use of the prisoners.

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111. Several recommendations made by the Prisons Reforms Committee were sanctioned and some were under consideration. The benefit of release of prisoners on parole for 10 days in a year has fulfilled the objects with which the system was introduced. The services of the Nursing Orderlies from among the Prison staff in the Central Jail, Bangalore, was working satisfactorily.

(ix) Registration of Assurances.

Registration Offices.

112. The total number of Sub-Registry Offices in the State continued to be the same as in the previous year, *viz* ,, 87, of which 66 were special and 21 *ex-officio*.

Registration.

113. The total number of documents registered during the year was 2,47,040 (1,46,192). The aggregate value of the documents registered in all the districts amounted to Rs. 16,58,34,196 (Rs. 9,57,43,449). The number of registered documents relating to co-operative societies and other institutions wholly or partly exempted from payment of registration fees, was 8,748 (4,337) and the amount of fees, which the Government had to forego in respect of these documents, was Rs. 53,604 (Rs. 28, 431). The mutation fee collected during the year was Rs. 2,80,084 (Rs. 1,39,988).

Finance.

114. The revenue and expenditure of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 5,48,934 (Rs. 5,45 010) and Rs. 3,80,607 (Rs. 3,78,138) respectively. The income and expenditure of the Yelandur Sub-Registry Office was Rs.6,603 (Rs. 3,706), and Rs. 3,152 (Rs. 2,469) respectively.

Changes in Acts and Rules.

115. Thirteen Asli villages belonging to Madras Presidency were transferred to Mysore State.

116. The levy of stamp duty and registration fees in respect of bonds for all advances to Government servants was ordered.

117. The concession granted regarding the continuance of the reduced rate of Records of Rights fee of Rs. 1-8-0 from 1st April 1950 was withdrawn.

118. The Income-tax Department was exempted from the payment of copying and search fees.

119. The Government of Mysore and Tata Family were exempted from payments of stamp duty and registration